

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 354  
By Cohen

A RESOLUTION To honor the memory of Ann Campion Beneke  
of Nashville.

WHEREAS, The members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the death of Ann Campion Beneke; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Beneke was an exemplary public servant and consummate professional who worked assiduously to improve the quality of life for her fellow citizens in numerous capacities; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Beneke served with acumen and alacrity as Introductions Clerk for the Senate, in which position she had earned the respect of her peers and superiors alike for the exemplary quality of her work; she treasured the relationships she had with her colleagues, former Chief Clerk Clyde McCullough, Russell Humphrey, Assistant Chief Clerk Rick Nicholson, Carrie Hargrove, and Laura Harris, and they, in turn, were very fond of her; and

WHEREAS, Prior to her meritorious service to the Senate, Mrs. Beneke astutely served Davidson County for more than seventeen years as an Administrative Assistant and Court Officer for the 1<sup>st</sup> Circuit Court; and

WHEREAS, A lifelong resident of Nashville, her remarkable success as a public servant was directly attributable to her reliance on the time-honored values of hard-work and common sense and her uncommon ability to work well with people from all walks of life; and

WHEREAS, It was only natural that Ann Campion Beneke should have possessed those laudable attributes, as her family has long nourished a rich tradition of public service and has made numerous contributions to the betterment of this State; and

WHEREAS, Born to James Campion and Alta Carr, Mrs. Beneke learned of the admirable and essential nature of public service from her mother, who served with distinction as Executive Secretary for Local Board 19 of the Selective Service System for forty years before retiring; and

WHEREAS, Her grandfather, Sidney F. Carr, served honorably in the Secretary of State's office; well-known for his exemplary character and stalwart commitment to public service, he also served as a member of this General Assembly, representing Putnam County; and

WHEREAS, the late Joe C. Carr, Mrs. Beneke's uncle, is a legendary figure in Tennessee State government, as he served an unparalleled tenure of 27 years as Secretary of State; and

WHEREAS, Deeply devoted to her family, Ann Campion Beneke always endeavored to remain true to family values of the highest order; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Beneke shared her dedication to the service of this State with her beloved sister, Margaret Tolleson, who has served with distinction for many years with Secretary of State Riley C. Darnell and several of his predecessors; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Beneke and Mrs. Tolleson were very close and fondly called each other "sistah"; and

WHEREAS, For more than fifty years, Mrs. Beneke enjoyed the loving companionship of William Murphy Beneke, who preceded her in death; Mr. Beneke shared his wife's devotion to the betterment of their community, state, and country; a World War II veteran, he worked with the United States Postal Service for over forty-five years and was a retired Master Sergeant in the Tennessee National Guard; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Beneke was the loving mother of four daughters, Beverly King, Bonnie Beneke, Jodie Beneke, and Gigi Todd and the proud grandmother of Kelly King, Carlyn King, and Kirkland Todd; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Beneke was educated at Holy Name Elementary School and St. Cecilia Academy and was an active member of St. Henry Parish, where her vibrant spirit was an inspiration to all; she energetically contributed to the work of the Nashville Catholic Businesswomen; and

WHEREAS, Ann Campion Beneke was well-known among her friends and family for her supreme loyalty; that loyalty was evident in all aspects of her life, as she was a lifelong Democrat and a stalwart supporter of the Vanderbilt Commodore athletic programs; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Beneke was wholly committed to the noble precepts of public service that have earned Tennessee recognition as the "Volunteer State"; she leaves behind an indelible legacy of integrity and probity in public life, compassion and loyalty in private life and diligence and dedication in all her chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, It is fitting that this General Assembly should pause to remember the bountiful life of this exceptional human being; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, That we honor the memory of Ann Campion Beneke, reflecting fondly upon her impeccable character, her honorable and astute service to the good people of this State as a model employee of the Senate, and her stalwart commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That we express our sympathy and offer our condolences to the family of Mrs. Beneke.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.